

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET				
SUBJECT: (Optional) Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau				
FROM: Chief, Operations Group		EXTENSION 3-5991	NO. DATE September 1987	
TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
	RECEIVED	FORWARDED		
1. C/Ops	22 Oct		B ⁹ JB	
2.				
3. C/E&PS	23 Oct		J	
4. DD/FBIS	10/23		G	
5. D/FBIS	26 Oct		R	
6.				
7. PO/RA	10/24		Om	
8. SA/CD	10/27		Ent	
9.				
10. C/AS	28 Oct		CR	
11.				
12. C/AG	Oct 29		m	
13. Admin Staff			Q	
14. C/B&F			Ph	
15. Exec. Reg.				

MTA-7030
5 October 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- September 1987

I. GENERAL

A. On 30 September Tel Aviv Bureau concluded its special coverage arrangement with a local vendor for Tehran television as Nicosia Bureau's Roset became operational. Begun as a field initiative in May, the coverage of Tehran television through a local contractor, whose videotapes were forwarded to London for feed to headquarters consumers via Internet, filled a short-term gap in Tehran coverage at a critical time of increased tension in the Persian Gulf region. In the bureau's judgment, the product, which was reportedly consistently well-received by consumers, was a major contribution by FBIS to information needed by government policymakers in their efforts to protect U.S. interests in the Gulf region.

B. Chief of Operations Group [] arrived in the early morning hours of 9 September for a regular management visit to the bureau. He briefed all personnel at a bureau meeting on current headquarters issues and in turn heard from bureau staff on local concerns, particularly the FBA-1 project and coverage questions. [] also had the opportunity to visit more informally with the bureau staff at a buffet for all bureau personnel hosted by the bureau chief and at a small dinner party for American staffers hosted by the deputy chief. A quick trip to Jerusalem was also squeezed into the agenda of the brief visit, which ended on 11 September. STAT

C. When communications problems caused the imposition of a minimize on message traffic to the embassy on 31 August, senior embassy officers asked the bureau to utilize its communications channels to maintain the embassy's receipt of the FBIS material normally filed to them. With the cooperation of bureaus worldwide, Tel Aviv Bureau was able to provide this service with the use of special flagging procedures by other bureaus and with local sorting, packaging, and courier delivery to the chancery. The service was continued past the end of the minimize at the embassy's request while final communications problems were ironed out. Embassy officers expressed their appreciation for the special service, noting that they regard the FBIS product highly and have come to rely on it for reportage on a wide range of issues. STAT

-2-

II. OPERATIONS

A. Lateral Services

The American Embassy in Amman requested drop copies of Israeli press material on a trial basis in order to consider becoming a regular consumer for those items. After a 1-week trial period, which was coordinated by Jordan Bureau, the embassy made a formal request to receive Israeli press items regularly.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. After an extended intensive recruiting effort, the bureau failed to locate a suitable Hebrew-Arabic monitor and thus requested headquarters approval to hire two Hebrew monitors. With approvals in hand the bureau brought Hebrew monitors [] and [] on board 27 September and 5 October, respectively. STAT

2. Former communications section chief [] resigned effective 1 October while on LWOP status, citing personal reasons. Current head of the communications section [] has been offered and has accepted the systems administrator position for FBA-1. She will continue to head up the commo unit in addition to her new duties. STAT

3. Nicosia teleop [] left the bureau 26 September after a 7-week TDY. He had provided the bureau with much-needed assistance while new teletypists were being trained. STAT

4. [] received a promotion to FBN 8 effective 30 August, and [] received a QSI effective 16 August. Both bureau technicians received their good news in a presentation by Operations Group Chief [] during his visit. STAT

B. Building and Grounds

The Army Corps of Engineers completed the installation of new steel security doors and walls which isolate the entire 15th floor of the Migdalor building from the elevator area. In October the bureau will begin work on its part of the bargain, i.e., to hook up an intrusion alarm from a Corps vault via the bureau's microwave commo line to the embassy and Marine post #1.

-3-

IV. VISITS

A. DAILY REPORT editor [] visited the bureau 22-27 September as part of a field bureau orientation TDY trip. She received numerous briefings on Tel Aviv operations and also provided the bureau staff with a much-appreciated editor's perspective on the modernization process at headquarters. STAT

B. Marsha Voight and David Kamerling, of the Office of the Coordinator for Maps and Publications, Department of State, visited the bureau on 15 September for a briefing on bureau operations by the bureau chief.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Deputy Chief [] was appointed to the School Board of the American International School, which is attended by most of the children of embassy staffers. [] will serve on the board at least until next spring, when the appointment expires and elections take place. STAT
STAT
STAT

[]

Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

cc: JN, NC

Attachment: Production Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for September 87

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	209620
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	59920
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	673

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7783.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	2260
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	0
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian	0
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	3750
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	0
(Clandestine) Voice of the Kavyani Banner of Iran in Persian	0
(Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	0

ISRAEL		
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	13140	
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	9680	
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	2720	
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	43450	
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	6860	
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic		2150
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in		

- 2 -

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			2930
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			1120
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			3270
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			360
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			1170
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			22650
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			8360
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			200
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			7920
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			9930
Tel Aviv HA'IR in Hebrew			2220
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			620
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			2620
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			590
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			7580
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			5890
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	28430		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		3430	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		11770	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		0	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			1050
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	3500		

- 3 -

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in			
Turkish to Turkey	0		
Moscow in			
Dari to Afghanistan	0		
Moscow in			
Persian to Iran	0		
 UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in			
English	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR September 87 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 210070 (164210)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 59920 (60040)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 8990 (7234)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 18000 on 11 september 87
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 3260 on 5 september 87
2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 21.35 HOURS, 4.31 PERCENT.
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 21.35 HOURS, 4.31 PERCENT.

OUTAGES:

8 september -
20 september -
29 september -

--

STAT

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 410 (1080)

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.